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PROJECT OUTLINE

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HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER

DIVISION : FIM

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STATION : GERMANY

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE AD/SO

SUBJECT: Project CAMISE

1. This project is designed for its long-range penetration of the Western German government. The approach will be through political targets of opportunity in the Western German Government with particular attention to extreme rightist and leftist activities.

2. CAMISE is a 30 year-old former RSHA interpreter who has been a controlled agent since 1945. She was used first as an informant on RSHA activities, later as a possible counter-intelligence penetration in OMGUS, and was placed finally in a responsible position in a large Berlin newspaper where she is now the Frankfurt editor. She has come into contact with many(8) of the CIA staff officers in Germany and from her newspaper work she knows, in general terms, the nature of the Agency's mission in Germany. Under present conditions in Germany the possibility of this knowledge being misused is slight because of her long-standing loyalty and her living under an assumed identity. CAMISE's usefulness has not been as great as might have been expected, partly because of her emotional involvement with a fellow-editor and partly because of SPD's defeat in 1949 elections and the resultant decrease in SPD's influence in national affairs. The recent gains by the SPD in länder elections might reverse this state of affairs in the future. Although CAMISE's production has been small in quantity, it has been well-received. Meanwhile, with no expense involved, she has helped greatly in facilitating BGRHYTHM activities in Western Germany and she has also assisted by supplying essential background information on Western German government.

3. CAMISE has natural cover. Case officer-agent contacts are direct. The agent knows the case officer to be an intelligence officer and probably knows the name of the organization. She is motivated primarily by ideological considerations. Control factors that could be used are knowledge of her RSHA activity and the assumed name she is using. Her knowledge of CIA's activities would require that she be evacuated in case of an emergency. Operational clearance is pending.

4. The estimated cost of the Project is \$315.00 for the period ending 31 March 1952. The OSO Budget Officer states that funds are available.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval is recommended for the period ending 31 March 1952.

Chief, Plans

Chief, Operations

Approved:

AD/SO

Date

ATTACHMENT: Project Outline CAMISE

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PROJECT OUTLINE

CAMISE 1 July 1951 - 31 March 1952

1. Area of Operations and Headquarters:

Western Germany. Frankfurt and Bonn.  
Frankfurt Operations Base.

2. References:

This project is closely related to Berlin's CAMLET operation, and CAMLET is aware of CAMISE's close connection with this organization.

3. Aims:

a. Objectives: Political targets of opportunity in the Western German Government.

b. Targets: SPD parliamentary representation, SPD Party Executive, and various key government officials.

c. Tasks: Agent briefed to pay particular attention to extreme rightist and leftist activities within or against the West German Government. Agent also acts as a bird dog and cut-out.

4. Personnel:

CAMISE is a 30-year-old former RSHA interpreter who has been our controlled agent since 1945. Used first as an informant on RSHA activities, and later as a possible counter-intelligence penetration in OMGUS, she was finally placed in a responsible position in a large Berlin newspaper, whose Frankfurt editor she became on her own efforts. She has come into contact with many (8) of our staff officers in Germany and from her newspaper work she knows, in general terms, the nature of our mission in Germany. The possibility of this knowledge being used against us is slim in view of her long-standing loyalty to us and also her present existence in Germany under an assumed identity. A staunch opponent to the present Bonn government, she is in sympathy with, if not a member of, the SPD. CAMISE'S usefulness to us has not been as great as might have been expected, partly because of her emotional involvement with a fellow-editor of her newspaper and partly because of SPD's defeat in 1949 and the resultant decrease in the SPD's influence in national affairs which rendered many of CAMISE's contacts politically impotent. The recent gains by the SPD in länder elections might reverse this state of affairs in the future, however. CAMISE's production,

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while small in quantity, has been well-received. Meanwhile, with no expenses involved, CAMISE has helped greatly in facilitating CHINTA activities in Western Germany and has also assisted in the collection of propaganda information on the Western German government scene.

5. Cover:

CAMISE has natural cover as a well-known staff member of a large German newspaper.

The agent knows the case officer to be an intelligence officer, and, in all probability, knows the name of the organization he represents.

6. Contact and Communications:

Contacts, pre-arranged by telephone, take place at the case officer's or agent's home. The nature of CAMISE's relations with us is secret.

7. Control:

CAMISE works for us primarily and overwhelmingly for ideological considerations. Her present case officer has stated that he has no doubts that her loyalty would hold in peace or war with the one possible exception, i.e., should she come under the emotional influence of a man with a basically different ideology. The case officer stated further that on the basis of his personal knowledge of CAMISE, he would become immediately aware of such a change. Beyond ideological considerations we have other control factors which could be brought to bear, i.e., knowledge of her NSDAP activity, and the assumed name she currently uses.

8. Special Equipment:

None required.

9. Coordination:

This project requires coordination with the Berlin CANLET operation.

10. Timetable:

CAMISE has been in contact with representatives of this organization, and its predecessor organizations, since 1945. It will continue for an indefinite period.

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11. Estimated Costs:

For the period 1 July 1951 - 31 March 1952

Compensation - None

Travel Expenses - None

Operating Expenses - 225.00 MPC and 450 AL  
(This sum for small presents, liquor,  
cigarettes.)

12. Special Problems and Commitments:

In the event that Western Germany were overrun, CALISE would be in as much danger as an SPD news hawk as she would be as our agent. Her long association with us and her knowledge of so many staff personnel make it necessary for us to plan to evacuate CALISE from the area in case of emergency. No definite arrangements have been made as yet.

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